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	BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 7th March.
	*STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY, 21st March.
	KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 4th April.
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	PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, and May.
	HAMBURG, (Hamburg-Amerika Linie)	WEDNESDAY, 16th May,
'	* PRINZ HEINRICH	
	//AMBURG, (Hamburg-Amerika Linie) PRINZ HEINRICH SACHSEN	THURSDAY, 14th June.
	OLDENBUKG	THURSDAY, 28th June.
	BAYERN STUTTGART	THURSDAY, 12th fuly.
	STUTTGART	THURSDAY, 26th July.
	KONIG ALBERT	THURSDAY, oth August.
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-1	PREUSSEN	THURSDAY, 9th August. THURSDAY, 23rd August. THURSDAY, 6th September.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of January, 1900, at NOON, the Steamship "KARLSRUHE," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain G. Dannemann, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 22nd January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 23rd January, and Parcels. will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 23rd January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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12th October, 1898.

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HE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

MONDAY, the 22nd January, 1900, at 3 P.M., at their Sales Rooms, Ice House Street. THE VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS

"DUNNOTTAR, on Rural Building Lot No. 20. The Peak. For futher Particulars, apply to Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1900. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by PUBLIC AUCTION,

TUESDAY, the 23rd January, 1900, The SEVERAL LOTS numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the AUCTIONEER'S OFFICE, for Erection of Booths and Matsheds on the Government Ground adjoining the Race

Course, North of the Grand Stand enclosure: TERMS:--As Usunl. For Conditions of Sale, apply to HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900. PUBLIC AUCTION.

HE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 2.45 P.M., At ROSE VILLAS WEST, BONHAM ROAD.

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. (Particulars can been seen from Catalogue, which will be issued Prior to Sale). TERMS :-- As customary. On View from TUESDAY, the 23rd instant.

GEO. P. LÄMMERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 18th January, 1900.

Potice of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned have This Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to us. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO.,

12, Beaconsfield Arcade. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900.

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MOK KUN HUL MOK YEUK LIM. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900.

TANG LAP TING.

### Masonic.



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

AREGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to. attend.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1900.

### Insurance.

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SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

### Co-day's Advertisements.

QUEEN'S SETTE COLLEGE.

LI IS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR. SIR HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G., will preside at the PRIZE DISTRIBUTION at the above Government Institution, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at NOON. All interested in Education are cordially

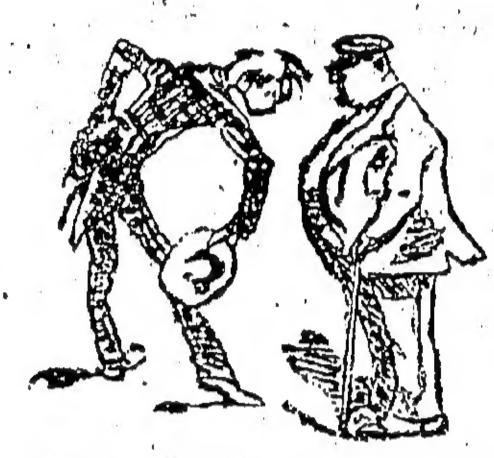
invited. GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D., Head Master. Hougkong, 20th January, 1900.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

WANTED for the Post of Inspector in the Hongkong Water Police a Membersof the Mercantile Marine holding a Mate's Certificate. Must be single. Salary \$1,368 per Annum with Exchange Conpensation (equivalent to \$30 a month at Present Rates) added, free quarters, fuel, light and uniform, with free Passage to England and back, and 9 months' leave on half-pay every 5 years. Apply personally to the Captain Superin tendent of Police, Central Police Station

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"OLDENBURGE of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. Captain 11. Prager, due here with the routward German Mail about the 25th instant, will

leave for the above places about 24 hours after NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO. Hongkong, 20th January, 1900.



### THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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"VALETTA," Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 3rd February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped af Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed wid Bombay with Transhipment. Parcels will be received at this Office until

P.Mrtho-day-before sailing. ... The Contents and Value of all Packages are required. Shippers, are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"BENGAL,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS. Consignees-of-Cargo-by the above-named

vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. This vessel brings on Cargo :--

From London, &c., ex S.S. Himalaya. From Persian Gulf, ex S.S. Naseri, &c. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before I P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 26th instant, at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left-in-the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised. H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent. Hongkong, 20th January, 1900.

### Untimation.

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# (I he Hongkong (Telegraph)

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1990.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

PIRACY AND BRIGANDAGE.

In another column will be found 'a statement, made by a Chinese contemporary, to the effect that the pirates and brigands of the Two Kwangs, not content with levying blackmail upon and looting Chinese junks, rafts and launches upon the waterways and terrorising the Chinese merchants and extorting money-from-them by threats, have now even gone so far as to extend their demands to the Shameen. The Chinese paper from which we translated this piece. it, but a representative of the Telegraph, by judicious enquiries in well-informed circles. was able to establish beyond doubt the fact that threats had been made and blackmail demanded. Of course it is impossible to say if the demands are genuine and sent by the brigand chief; some foolish person may be trying to play a practical joke. (certainly a very poor one) on the Shameen residents; but, true or false, the demand and threat should not be, lost sight of and we trust that steps will be taken to ensure the safety of the-foreigners at Canton against any attack that may be made upon them. It must be remembered that the Chinese New Year is approaching, that times are had in the Two Kwangs owing to the lawlessness that prevails and that an attack upon the Shameen would not be at all improbable. It is very satisfactory to know that the German gunboat Illis is at present at Canton, but we I think that a British war vessel should be sent there immediately. No official demand may have been made for one, but then we all know that such deniands are seldom made until the danger is either actually present and an armed mob surrounding a Consulate, or until the damage has been done and the brigands have had time to clear

News continues to filter through a from South Africa by fits and starts and although -nothing of a very definite nature is as yet to hand it is easy to read between the lines and see that our troops are on the move and mean to push right up to Ladysmith. The Tugela River has at last been crossed and thus the first obstacle has been surmounted. Of course there is the big tussle to come, but we do not think that General BULLER that success is assured this time, at whatever cost, and although we may look forward to a big butcher's bill we do not imagine that there can be much doubt as to the result. The road to Ladysmith has got to beopenedand General-Butther-will do it. But where are Lords Roberts and KITCHENER? Reuter announced their arrival at Capetown on the tenth instant and since then, as we predicted, they have both vanished, so far as any news of their whereabouts is concerned. They may be with any one of the divisions in South Africa or they may have started a fresh line of attack upon their own account. It is evident that all news of their movements is being carefully suppressed and we think that when we do hear of them we shall have no cause to grumble over the news. 'As Kipling says in his poem which we publish

off with their loot! Why not send the

Hyrerw up again with her big guns?

to-day :--What is does not know o' war, .. Gen'ral Bobs. You can afst the shop next door-Can't they, Bobs? Oh, 'e's little, but he's wise; 'E's a terror for 'is size, An'-'e-does-not-advertise-

Do yer, Bobs?

### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE. THE WAR.

Operations on the Tugela. The River Crossed.

LONDON, January 18th. The Times Correspondent at Spearman's Farm, under date, 17th cinstant, says that a force marched Westward on the toth under-'Colonel Dundonald and dashingly occupied the hills above Potgeiters Drift, completely surprising the Boers. The same evening the infantry followed. .. General Lyttleton's bri-

gade crossed the Tugela River yesterday. General Warren's division has forced a passage and crossed the Tugela near Wagon Drift, with all arms; in face of a hot-and-heavyfire effecting a satisfactory lodgement two. miles further on, towards Sproenkop.

The Tugela River. General Warren hopes to be able to turn the enemy's position, which is situated five

miles to his right front and which is being

strongly entremphed. Buller's Address. General Buller has issued a spirited appeal to the troops saying that they are going to relieve their comrades at Ladysmith and that

### are well and confidents Arrival of General Hector

Macdonald. General Hector MacDonald has arrived at

Capetown. HONGKONG VOLUNTEER GAZETTE SERVICE.

Cape Colony.

General Gatacre reports that 300 of all ranks have advanced from Bushmanshock to Loperberg, and the 74th Field Battery and a Company of Mounted Infantry, from Sterkstroom to Bushmanshock.

### Natal.

Reuter's Correspondent, wiring from the Camp above Potgieters Drift, says that on Monday the advance was begun; on Wednesday . Col. Dundonald's Mounted Brigade together with the lifth Brigade, under General Hart marched from Springfield, having préviously reconnoitred all suspicious country and thoroughly scouted it. The Column then reached Mount Alice, facing the enemy's position on the Tugela heights, and the South African Horse, swimming the river. fetched a pontoon across. The enemy, who were surprised, struck their Camp.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says :--

On the 20th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has fallen in China; particularly on the E. coast; risen in the extreme North. Pressure is high over the North of the Sea of Japan, and a deof news was unable to youch for the truth of pression seems to be moving Eastwards in \$6 and close in demand. Shantung. Gradients slight with light monsoon in S. China and the N. part of the China Sea. FORECAST :-- Variable winds, light; fair.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment wil play at the Hongkong Hotel, this evening,

rom	8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:	
•	PROGRAMME	•
1, 2,	March Come olong with me Indurice.	Œ1.
w 30	Pantasia "Pastoral scene" Giune	
5. 6.	Romance Rose softly Blooming "aSpohra Yalop "Cleopatra" Albust.	7.
	" God save the Queen."	

Colonel, P. F. Robertson, late of the Gordon Highlanders, tells an interesting story of the Boer Commandant Joubert and of General Hector MacDonald's sword, which was one of the Boer trophies of the day at Majuba:-" told joubert of the promotion of Hector Mac-Donald from the ranks and of the claymore that the officers of his regiment had presented him with. The General was much interested and said, 'That brave officer must have his isword back again. I will search the Transvaal for it, and offer £5 reward for it.' General Joubert recovered Lieutenant Hector MacDonald's sword from a Boer farmer, who, when the heard the particulars, declined to accept the offered reward, and General Joubert handed his sword back to Lieutenant MacDonald at Newcastle."

AFFAIRS in Jambi, a vassal state in Sumatra, have-long been in an unsatisfactory condition, owing to Dutch rule not being firmly established there. The people of the land are known to be disaffected, especially in the interior. Latterly, armed men have been gathering there, and rumours of attacks on Dutch outposts in that quarter have been current. The Sultan of famble, too, had failed to support Government will risk another reverse. He will take care | authority. Measures have now been taken to mend matters. The Sultan has been persuaded to abdicate, and has been pensioned Nothing is known as to whether a successor will be appointed. It is expected that now the authority of the Government will be firmly enforced in the country. The people are largely fanatical, and have never been wholly brought

> THE Westminster Aquarium has secured natural curiosity for the Christmas holidays the shape of a pair of boys joined together in the manner of the Siamese twins, Possibly they are the only specimens of the kindenny alive. They were shown on the 2nd ufto; for the first time, and appeared to be an amiable, pair of the true Mongolian type. 'The twins were born at Nan An in 1886; and their names are Lin Suan San and Ling Tring San: They are well-grown lads, 4ft. 3in. high, and 5st weight each. Accompanied by their father and salute and hid farewell to the fobbers: an interpreter, they showed an intelligent interest in all that was going on during the inspection. They have a distinct existence shops, junks, timber rafts, and cargo boats that is, one boy may be asleep, with the other awake. The ligature by which they are attach- | Canton, but quite recently we heard that | ed is so pliant that each boy is able to turn almost completely round from the other, and letter to a European firm on Shameen, dethey are able to walk side by side like ordinary | manding the sum of ten thousand dollars, and asked that an answer should be sent to a "minisen, because the

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial | certain lepers' or a specified woman's boat in | I had occasion to throw things at another Aunt and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals :----

Ho Ngok Lau ......\$50

On Monday, on the Happy Valley, the Hong-kong Football Club will play 25th Company, S. D., R.A. Kick-off at a quarter past four. The following, will play for the Club:-F. H. Kew, goal; C. H. P. Hay and H. Pinckney, backs; S. L. Jenkius, C. T. Kew and W. H. Howard, balens; A. F. Williamson, J. E. Lee, J. F. Noble, H. C. R. Hancock and J. D. Danby, forwards.

### HONGRONG SHARE MARKET.

Honokong, Friday, January 19th. Messes. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their

weekly share report, state :-Owing to the near approach of the China New Year, coupled with the difficulties in financing, business has been very slack during the period under review and stocks generally show a slight decline on previous quotations, The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, has convened an Extraordinary General Meeting for the 23rd January to consider the Resolution to double the Capital of the Company by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$20 each. The Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, has advertised its Sixty-seventh Half-yearly Meet ing for the 1st February. The transfer books will be closed from the 19th instant to 1st proximo, both days inclusive. The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited, has given notice that its Eleventh Ordinary Meeting will be held on the 6th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 27th instant to the 6th ultimo, inclusive. Banks. -- Hongkong and Shanghai Banks were sold at 347 per cent-premium but have dropthere will be no turning back. The troops ped to 343 per cent, premium. The London quotation is Lot 3 -. Subject to audit, the Directors propose to pay a dividend of £1 10/and a honus of to per share, transfer \$500,000 from Profit and Loss Account to credit of Reserve Fund and carry forward about \$965,000. Nationals have been done at \$26. Marine Insurances. -- Yangtzes are enquired for at \$112. Fire Insuran es. Hongkong Fires have been booked at \$3321. Shipping. Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboats are quiet with sellers at \$31. Indo Chinas are firm and have buyers at \$88. China and Manilas have been placed at \$85 and are wanted. Douglas Steamships are on offer at \$51. Refineries. -- China Sugars, are out of favour at \$118. Mining. -- In Punjoms a fairly large business has been done at \$6 and \$61. Charbonnages have been negotiated at \$350. Queen Mines have been sold at 30 cents and are obtainable. Jelebus have changed hands at \$125 and chose steady. Raubs have been bought at \$61 and \$614. Olivers 'B' have been fixed at \$6. Docks, Wharves and Godowns .--Longkong and Whampon Docks are quiet with sellers at 540 per cent premium. Kowloon Wharf shares after sales at \$88 are

E's the man that done us well, obtainable at \$85. Wanchai Warehouses are 'An' we'll follow 'im to 'ell in demand at \$434 ex the dividend of \$64 paid on the 16th instant. Lands, Hotels and Buildings .- Hongkong Lands have been sold at declining rates down to \$116 and close with buyers at the rate. West Points are offering at \$35. Hor ghong Hotels have been done at \$123. \$1225 and \$122. Humphreys' Estate are firm with buyers at \$9.35. China Providents have been taken off the market to a moderate extent at \$9.20 ex the dividend of So cents paid on the 17th instant. Cotton Mills. - There is no business to report. Miscellaneous-Green Island Cements are easier and are in the market at \$29 A. S. Watsons have been done at \$16 and

\$16). Electrics have been dealt in extensively at \$97 and \$10. Ropes have experienced a big rise and have been fixed at \$250 and are now wanted at \$275. Tramways have advanced to \$150 buyers. Ices are enquired for in small lots at \$135. Dairy Farms have been sold at

CANTON NOTES.

[From the Tsun Wan Vat Po.]

ROTHERS AS INSURERS.

and Se Wai were so often pirated on their

voyages, that the owners were obliged to ask

Fu Tsan Hoi and Au Sun the robber chiefs for

protection. The robbers agreed to protect

them on condition that they, the owners of the

Sai Kon timbers, should pay them twelve

thousand dollars a year, the money to be

paid either in Canton, Fat Shan, Chan Cheun,

Sak Loong, Ng Chau or Shu Hing. The

owners of the Pak Kong, rafts should pay

them four thousand dollars a year, two thousand

now and the remainder next year, (Chinese)

in the 3rd, 6th and 9th months respectively.

The owners of the Se Wai timber should

pay the robbers twelve hundred dollars a year.

If any of these rafts were pirated after the

money was paid, the robber chiefs agreed to

pay the owners back whatever amount was

The chiefs took a flower boat and about

twenty or thirty sampans and went to Su Tong

Sai, Ho to sign the agreement with the Sai

Kong timber merchants, and say that in future

they should hoist a flag, with a lion on it, on

their rafts so that, when pirates saw them they

Ah! the mandarins cannot put down the

robbers and protect the people, and the peo-

ple have to beg the robbers for protection.

Have we not got reason to be sorry for our

WESTERN IDEAS ADOPTED BY CHINESE.

SHAMEEN THREATENED.

would not dare to rob them.

country?

The timber rafts of Sai Kong, Pak Kong,

If you stood 'im on 'is 'ead Father Bobs, You could spill a quart o' lead ... Outer Bobs. 'E's been at it thirty years, An' amassin' souveneers In the way o' slugs an' spears—

> Ain't yer, Bobs? What 'e does not know o' war, Gen'rai Bobs, You can arst the sliop next door-Can't they, Bobs Oh, 'c's little, but he's wise; 'E's a terror for 'is size, An'-'e'-does-not-advertise-Do yer, Bobs?

ten days time, and said that somebody would

have already sent telegrams to their own

Consuls for gunboats to protect the place. The

electric lights are kept burning all night, and policemen are sent to keep careful watch.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND

BUILDING COMPANY,

The following is the eleventh report of the

Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting o

shareholders, to be held at the Company's

offices, Victoria Buildings, at 12 o'clock Noon,

Gentlemen,-The Directors now submit to

you a Statement of the affairs of the Company,

and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st

December, 1899. The balance of Profit and

Loss Account for the year, after writing off all

Charges and Expenses, amounted to \$8,065.25.

The Directors, therefore, recommend that a

Dividend of One Dollar Twenty-five Cents per

share be paid, which, after writing off the Directors' and Auditors' Fees, will leave a

balance of \$365.25 to be carried forward to

Messrs. J. H. Cox and E. Jones Ilughes

F. HENDERSON,

Chairman.

retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-

"FIGHTIN' BOBS."

Just now, when the eyes of the Empire are

turned upon Lord Roberts, it is interesting to

turn to a poem by Rudyard Kipling, entitled

" Bobs," that appeared for the first time in the

"ain't no bloomin' ode," as its author modestly

says, but it just hits off the opinion of Mr. At

kins of his newly appointed Commander in

Patt Matt Magazine of December, 1893.

Credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

but offer themselves for re election.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900.

The poem is as follows :--

Our Bubs!

Which is Bobs!

There's a little red-faced man,

Rides the tallest 'orse 'e can-

With a smile round both 'is ears-

Little Bobs, Bobs, Bobs

"Fightin' Bobs, Bobs, Bobs!

If it bucks or kicks or rears,

'E can sit for twenty years,

Can't yer, Bobs?

Then 'ere's to Bobs Bahadur-

'E's our pukka Kandahader-

'E's the Dook of Aggy Chel,\*

Won't we, Bobs?

'Ook on Bobs ;

Dress by Bobs.

If a marker's lost 'is place,

For 'e's eyes all up 'is coat,

An' you will not play the goat

E's a little down on drink,

· But it keeps us outer Clink-

Tho' 'e's water on the brain,

If 'e leads us straight again-

Chaplain Bobs;

Don't it, Bobs?

So we will not complain,

Blue-light Bobs.

An' a bugle in 'is throat,"

Under Bobs.

If a limber's slipped a trace,

LIMITED.

this statement.

On Tuesday, the 6th February.

We cannot, however, youch for the truth of

Now they've made a bloomin' Lord Outer Bobs. Which was but is fair reward—. Weren't it, Bobs? An' 'c'll wear a coronet Where is climet used to set; But we know you won't forget-Will yer, Bobs?

Then 'ere's to Bobs Bahadur-Little Bobs, Bobs, Bobs Pocket-Wellington an' arder!-Fightin' Bobs, Bobs, Bobs'! This aint no bloomin ode. But you've 'elped the soldier's load, An' for benefits bestowed, Bless yer, Bobs.

RUDYARD KIPLING. f And a half. \*. Go ahead.

### MR. CLIFFORD ON MAT SALLEH.

In his speech at the B. N. Borneo dinner, Governor Clifford concluded with the following

On the 15th instant a launch towing a junk I began with no intention of making a speech. was going to Kong Moon from Canton. The but there are two or three things I must say junk master and crew did not know that there before I sit down. The first is that a statement were robbers on board, amongst the passengers. has been made by a man-whose name I do When about half way the robbers came out , not remember. He said; "There are three and pointed their revolvers at the crew and things which are required for the opening of a asked them to get the junk alongside the launch. When the junk got there, the robbers | new land; the first is roads-Cecil Rhodes, if boarded the launch, and told the captain to you like-the second is more roads, and the

take her into Ho Tong Waters. After the third is more roads still" (laughter). The pirates had taken all they wanted from the British North Borneo Company have gone one two boats, they told the Captain to get near the better, they have substituted railways for roads. shore, where they could land. They then landed, Railways are, after all, only improved roads but had another boat to go away in. The | and they have done the greatest thing possible people of the village, seeing the launch was not for the opening-up of a wild country in the one of the launches that came to their village, way in which they have held on to the policy thought there must be something wrong about of road-construction, and it is possibly one of the matter and so went and reported it to the the most encouraging facts the shareholders native police who said they had not sufficient can look to. I wish to refer to another men and no boat to chase the pirates with, but matter, that of our relations with Mat that they would report the matter to the soldiers | Salleh. I cannot get any of my European of a fort near there. The soldiers, said the friends to treat. Mat Salleh with the matter miglit not be true and so refused to seriousness I should wish-they all seem to chase the robbers, but when they saw the rob- mix him up with a person who figures largely bers' boat passing by at a distance, they fired at fairs-a person named Aunt. Sally. There a few cannons from the fort, but without effect. is a resemblance to some extent in that Aunt Ever since foreign trade has been carried | Sally and Mat Salleh share the mistortune in on in China, the Chinese officials imitate the having various things thrown at them from a distance on various occasions. Personally, I foreign way of saluting men of rank, by think those who are concerned with North firing cannons, so these soldiers, benefiting by. Borneo are apt to take Mat Sallelia little too their officer's example, fired their cannons to We have reported that only, the Chinese him. I am going out rather earlier than I had suffered by the piracies and robberies in hoped in order to try if possible to quiet Mat Salleh. If this can be done absolutely peacethe robber chief, Fu Tsan Hoi has sent a

Sally, and the game is extremely dreary to all concerned, and there is really nothing to be be there to receive it. The firms in Shameen said for it one way or the other. Therefore, if Mat Salleh will accept peace on a proper footing-peace that must be lasting-then I hope there will be no question of warfare between us. If, on the other hand, Mat Salleh elects for war, as everybody thinks who has followed the course of the African events, where another Mat Salleh saw fit to make terms for a period and then renewed war, one must do very much the same as is being done in South Africa, at the present moment, and I know if it comes to that (and no one will regret it more intensely than myself) the only thing. will be to settle the matter once for all, and in that I feel sure. I shall have the support of the Chairman, the whole Court of Directors, and every shareholder in the Company (cheers).

### THE STRANDED FRENCH MAIL.

SINGAPORE, January 13th. Notwithstanding the efforts of H.M.S. Hermione and two steam tugs, the French mail La Serne Teestill on the rocks near Garras

The harbour-master of Rhio, who arrived at Singapore this morning, reports that La Segue is still fast, and on a coral reef not a very great distance from the lighthouse. We are also informed that present investigations show La Seyne not to be damaged to a very great extent. The Hermione is waiting for Monday's high tide when further efforts will be made to float the vessel. If she is got off safely La Seyns The Accounts have been audited by Messes! will be towed to Singapore and docked here for Thos. Arnold and W. H. Gaskell, who retire, Trepairs .- Straits Times.

### WAR ITEMS.

(From Home Papers.)

Making Shot and Shell.

A Birmingham correspondent telegraph on 21st ulto. - The activity of the War Office, is indicated by the large orders for ammunition which have been given out. Messrs, Kynoch, of Birmingham, are making cartridges for the Government at the rate of one million and a half weekly. They are also manufacturing fifteen thousand shrapuci shells. Messrs. Nobel's ammunition factory is also similarly employed. So pressing is the contract that only Christmas Day will be allowed, the workpeople as a holi-

### Calling up the Guards' Reserve.

ACCURIOUS DIFFICULTY. The Home District military authorities are faced with the difficulty of finding accommodation for the remainder of the Brigade of the Guards' Reserve now warned to assemble. They number some 1,400, and every barrack room, not only in London, but in the immediate districts of Woolwich, Gravesend, Hounslow, and Windsor is full, either with reserve men or militia. The volunteer drill-halls at this time of year are fully occupied nightly, and the time of year prohibits putting the-men under canvas. In all probability the medically fit will be proyided with their kits and granted leave to return -home-and assemble when warned either by letter or telegram, pay and messing being granted to them.

### An Interview with Dr. Leyds. THE CABLE MONOPOLY.

PARIS, December 21st. A long interview with Dr. Leyds is published to-day by the Matin. The Transvaul representative protested against the monopoly of the cables, which, he said, prevented him from communicating with his Government, and would also prevent President Kruger from formulating a desire for peace or anything else if he had the intention of doing so. Moreover, he (Dr. Leyds) could not reply to the inquiries which reached him daily regarding the British wounded and prisoners in Pretoria. Referring to the mines, Dr. Leyds stated that mining property war respected in the Transvaal, but in the event of invasion of that country by British troops the police guards would have something else to do than to protect the mines. As regards any possible danger from the blacks the latter would not be sorry to see the two white. races fighting against each other, and the hour was not far distant when they would join in the

In the course of the interview Dr. Leyds shid: "We love peace more than, g'ory, and we are fighting only to obtain a definitive and honourable peace. I am convinced that at Pretoria there will always be a willingness to accept it or offer it at any period of the struggle, providing that peace guarantees our independence."-Reuter.

### Our Weakness in Guns. In its first leader of 20th ultimo the Times.

dealing with the battle of Colenso, says :-- We

learn from our correspondent that a portion of General Hart's forces actually crossed the river, but were unable to maintain their position under the galling fire of the enemy. I remains perfectly inexplicable that General Lyttelton's brigade, which occupied a central position in order to assist either wing, does not seem to have followed up an attack so nearly successful, and, in fact, it is not mentioned as having been in action at all. Our correspondent says the Boers had only ten guns, and that our naval guns made excellent practice. Yet we do not seem to have silenced any of the enemy's guns, and we are told that it was in an attempt to get within effective range that our eleven guns were lost. Within effective range of what? Clearly not of the Boers in the foreground, for they shot down our gunners and horses at 800 yards. It is evident that if there was any method at all in the movements of the artillery under Colonel Long the object was to get within effective range of the Boer guns, which were making havor of our infantry. The obvious inference is that our artillery was outranged by that of the Boers, and that our numerical superiority in guns, as well as the superior skill so frequently shown by our gunners, was uscless in face of the inaccessibility of the Boer artillery positions. Not only were our men under artillery fire to which we could make no adequate reply (but our guns themselves were liable to destruction by Boer shells and one was actually destroyed. Perhaps this undeniable deduction. from the accounts of the battle will convinceour military authorities that there are guns in existence capable at once of being carried about by an army and of making excellent practice at a range which our field artillery, admirable as it is in its own sphere, cannot command. It is not too much to say that our War Office is the only one in Europe that ignores this very important fact.

### Military Strength of the Empire. OVER A MILLION MEN AVAILABLE:

The immense military strength latent in the seriously. He is a Malay chief-a man who Empire is so rarely realized, that it may be has shown various qualities of a very high, useful, says the Wally Telegraph, to remember character, and he has only followed the lights the number of men we brought under arms in that are in hun-that is, the darkness that is in 1809 during the great war. The lable is taken. from the volume upon the British Army in the German series die Heerd und Flotten der Gegenwart." ably I need hardly tell you I shall be the person Infantry, Cavalry, and Regular Militia ... 285,398 and asked that an answer should be sent to a himself, because for a period of over two years. Arillery and Ploneers

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a population numbering in 1800 less than 15,000,000 -to be exact, 14,942,646 souls. The same percentage, by no means the extreme limit of the present population, would give us 2,500,000 troops

Even at the present moment the actual war strength of the Empire is greater than most persons imagine. It is approximately as follows :--

Army at home and abroad	238,172
Reserves	78 798
Militia Reserves	
Militia	90,000
Yeomanry	8,890
Volunteers	130,000
Imperial Native Army of India (es-	1.
cluding Native States)	150,000
European Volunteers in India and	
elsewhere	30,000
Imperial Service Troops	. 20,000
Canadian Militia	35,000
Canadian Militia Reserves	200,000
Cape Golony Volunteers, Mounted	
Rifles, &c	7,100
New South Wales Forces	10,000
Victorian Forces	7,000

Actual war strength of the Empire .... 1,168,170

South Australian Forces

Forces of other Australian Colonies...

New Zeyland Forces

### Officers' Superb Bravery. HOW THE GUNS WERE LOST. CHIEVELEY CAMP, Dec. 16th,

I have now obtained further details of how the guns of the Lath and 66th Batteries were

After continuous beavy frams they ran short of ammunition. The men were then ordered go under cover and wait for further supplies to be brought up. There was absolutely no idea of abandoning the gans, which were in no way

On being ordered, tempore is to retire the men carried with them all the a moded. Captain White-Thom street set he sound on his

Captian Schotfeld, arde de camp to Géneral Buller, and Lieutenant F. H. S. Roberts, ande. descamp to General Clery, with great gallantry brought in three of the guns under a heavy facin which Lieutenant Roberts was reverely wounded, Captain Herbert, staff officer to Colonel Long, Led his horse killed ander him. Colonel Long hums if was severely wounded by a bullet from a chrapnel shall; but it has been extracted, and he is now doing well.

The Cavalry Brigade had a very hot engagement. Lord Damionald, who was in command, tried hard to take Blangwana Hill on our extreme right. He found the hill occupied by a strong force of Boers. The South African Horse advanced on the front under a heavy shell fire. Thorngybroft's Horse, she Natal Carbineers, the Imperial Light Horse, and the Mounted Intantry at the same time attempted a flanking attack, but the Toer lines which ranalong some high ground to the right of the flanking party made it impossible to carry out

any such movement for capturing the hill. Meanwhile the 7th Battery, which was with Lord Dundonald, kept shelling Blangwana and Fort Wylic in turns, the latter being done in order to assist the general advance.

\* About mid-day Lord Dundonald was ordered to retire, but he was unable to carry out the order for another two hours, because as soon as the men began to move they became a target for the enemy's fire. It was only under a continous shell-fire that the retirement was eventually effected, but, condsidering the circumstances, it was done without undue loss. The men were very reluctant to retire at all. Their behaviour was splendid, and two men will be recommended for the Victoria Cross.

Owing to the bad light it was impossible to see the Boers, and as they used smokeless powder their fire did not reveal their position. The 7th Battery, under command of Major Henshaw, made splendid practice. During the engagement Lord Dundonald sent a team of gun and waggon horses, under Captain Reed, to assist the rath and 66th Batteries to recover their guns. Captain Reed returned to the 7th Battery, and though he came back with a built in his leg, he insisted on remaining with it until he was ordered back to camp.—Laffan.

### Opinion in France. CRITICISM OF OUR GENERALS' TACTICS. Parts, December 17th.

The papers give all the more prominence to Saturday's sensational news from the Transyaal, as there is so little happening at home of the least interest or importance. Frenchmen in general are surprised and, indeed, astonished at the three reverses undergone in quick succession by British arms. At the opening of the campaign the common expectation was that the Boers would score a few slight successes, due to the numerical weakness of the

English troops that could be opposed to them in the first instance. It was thought, however, that their triumph would be brief, and that with the arrival of the main army from England the Boers would soon be reduced to defending their country, by an obstinate but hopeless guerrilla warfare. More recently, the idea that Sir Redvers Buller would quickly counterbalance the defeats of Generals Gatacre and Mediaton, syno-containly as prevelent here as in London, however different were the feelings with which the prospect was viewed in the

two capitals. Now that the Boers are victorious for the

moment all along the line there is a tendency, more especially, of course, in the Anglophobe section of the press, to exaggerate the consequences of their success and the difficulties of the British situation. Papers that hitherto had never even admitted the possibility of the campaign ending otherwise than in the triumph of England are now beginning to express doubts in cautious language as to the issue of the war. The belief expressed in some journals that peace negotiations are likely to be the result of the recent disastrous encounters is not shared by the thinking public. In private conversation the great majority of Frenchmen recognize that the patriotism of the English and their sense of national dignity will forbid all notion at the present juncture of the country. backing out of the task on which it is engaged. The calm with which the nation receives the bad news from the sent of war continues to excite envious admiration. Almost everybody. with whom one converses refers to this aspect of the situation, and draws a parallel between what is happening in England and what would have happened in France in like circumstances, by no means flattering to the latter country. Inparticular the absence of outery against Mr. Bale of Nelson Relics.

Chamberlain absolutely astounds the French. Messes, Christie, Manson and Woods sold Very strong utterances as to what would have

universally indulged in. In military circles the British generals are | ornament, and lined with gold, and inscribed the object of scathing criticism. The tactics . "This box was presented to Horatio Viscount employed are regarded with sheer bewilder- Nelson by the Society of Steel Workers of Birment. Not a word of blame is uttered against | mingham; September 4, 1792," "Let bim wear | suppose that England triumphs is to have the

been his fate had he been a Frenchman are

led as they are, the English armies will have to number not one but two hundred thousand men to conquer the Transvaal. The most moderate critics declare that the English tactics as recounted in the official despatches are wholly inexplicable, and that it must That is a total of 821,650 fighting men out of charitably be supposed that they are not so egregiously bad as these summary reports might seem to indicate. Some experts, however, are of opinion that the war is proving that no troops in the world can dislodge white opponents who are entrenched and armed with repeating rifles and quick-firing guns.

### BY THE MAIL.

[From Home Papers:]

Launch of a Cunard Liner. Messes, John Brown and Company, Clydebank, Glasgow, on 16th ulto launched the twinscrew steamer Saxonia for the Cunard line. She is 13,900 tons burden, and will have a speed of sixteen knots. Accommodation is provided for 1,300 passengers, of which 150 will be first-class. She is a sister ship to the Zerraio, building on the Tyne.

Clothing for Soldiers' Families.

The appeal made by Colonel Stacpole, Chief Transport Officer at Southampton, for funds to supply clothing, &c., to the wives and families of soldiers serving in South Africa on their return to this country, has met with so generous a response that enough money has been obtained. Colonel Stacpole is anxious that no more should be contributed.

The New U.S. Consul at Pretoria. States Consulat Pretoria, arrived in London | their lives for their Queen and country, and from Washington on 21st ulto. Mr. Hay, who is the son of the United States Secretary of | nationality the Irish soldier will be found loyal State, was to a tay in England over Christmas and leave for South Africa by the Union liner More on December 30. Shortly after reaching the Cape he will go to Pretoria, where he will take up the duties of Consul in succession to Mr. Mairum. He has already received requests for information to be wired home as to the health of the imprisoned officers.

### The "Maine" as a Pirate!

" From the proceedings that took place when way back to the limber to get come blankets I the Maine was presented with a Union Jack, I gather," says Truth, "that the vessel contemplates sailing under the American and English flags. The ladies in command possibly are not aware that a ship sailing under the flags of any two nations is, by international law, pirate. I do not suppose that the Maine will he treated as one, nor do I know precisely why such a vessel is a pirate. But such is the law."

The Queen and Irish Industries.

The Queen recently sent to Viscountess Dunannon for a box of her Garryhill work from which to choose Christmas presents, and her Majesty purchased several dozen of doilies, bandkerchiefs, tea cloths, &c., all beautiful Irish hand-made cottage work for which the school founded by Lady Duncannon has become famous. Her Majesty has always been a generous buyer of the work of the Irish peasant.

### The Fugitive Mahmud Pasha.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 20th. The Turkish Ambassador in Paris has informed the French Government that the Sultan has abandoned the idea of demanding the arrest of Mahmud Pasha and his two sons. His Majesty, however, hopes that Mahmud Pasha will be induced to remain in Paris. The Sultan does not wish him to go to London. It is presumed that this unexpected decision was arrived at owing to information that France would refuse Mahmud's extradition. - Reuter.

### Mr. Justice Bucknill's Readiness to Fight.

Mr. Justice Bucknill, who presided over a smoking concert at Epsom, given in aid of the war relief fund, referred with pride to the fact that his late father initiated the Volunteer movement in the West of England. If necessity arose, continued the judge, he too should be willing again to don the Volunteer's uniform and join the Epsom corps. Though in the, autumn of his years, he would rather put his back against the wall and fight the world than give in in a righteous, cause, such as he believed them to be now fighting.

The "Keenness" of the Yeomanry. The intimation that the Yeomanry Cavalry will have a change of proceeding to the front has created great excitement in Ayr and neighbourhood. The Ayrshire Yeomanry is one of the smartest regiments, in the kingdom, and regularly distinguished itself in the Lloyd-Lindsay competition at Wimbledon and Bisley. A number of officers and men Mive, long ago, volunteered to go on active service, and more men are likely to volunteer than will be wanted. This "keenness" to see service is, indeed, the animating spirit of the Yeomanny, throughout

### Convalescent Homes for the Wounded.

Earl Carrington announced on 18th ulto. at High Wycombe with reference to the large number of wounded soldiers now on their way home from South Africa, that he was commissioned-by-Countess-Carrington,-who-had talked the matter over with her cousin, Lady Ancaster, to suggest that more convolescent homes should be provided in different parts of the country for the treatment of soldiers when discharged from the military hospitals. Such institutions would be under military management. If-such an arrangement could be made he and the Countess would be very happy to support it by placing Hill Farm House, High Wy combe, at the disposal of the authorities.

"It Makes Yer Laugh, Bon't It?" With a beaming countenance, the effect of which was unfortunately marred by two black eyes, a working man applied to Mr. Plowden the other day for process against his nephew for assault.

. Mr. Powden: You don't seem to bear him

The Applicant (smiling): And he's threatened to give me some more. Mr. Plawden: It seems to fill you with pleasant recollections

Applicant (laughing): It makes yer laugh, don't it? Ha, ha, ha. (Great laughter.) Mr. Plowden: Do you want the joke to

The Applicant : I want a summons. Mr. Plowden: You think there is a tragic side to it then. Take a summons:

Sale of Nelson Relics. on 18th tilto, at their rooms, King-street, St. James's, a circular snuffbox of cut and polished steel, decorated with rosette and star-pattern

the property of Lady Hamilton), the lid inlaid with a minute ivery carving of the British fleet formed in two lines before the Battle of Trafalgar, in gold mount, and lined with gold, inscribed, "This box is form'd from a splinter of the Victory, commanded by Lord Viscount Nelson, in the ever memorable engagement off Trafalgar on ye 21st October, 1805, in which he fell, but not until his superior nautical skill and most intrepid courage had completely overcome the combined fleets of France and Spain, fetched £100.

Message of Lord Roberts.

In response to a request, Field-Marshal Lord Roberts has sent the Canadian and American people through the Associated Press the follow, ing message : " Circumstances naturally forbic my speaking about the campaign ahead of me. except to say that I have entire confidence in the British soldier, and that I believe the traditions of our army, will be upheld in South Africa. For the friendly interest and sympathy exhibited by many Americans I am most deeply grateful." I feel sure that the justice of our cause merits this. Though we be at war, I can safely say that no unnecessary harshness and no acts of inhumanity will mar the fair name of this branch of the Anglo Saxon race.

"I cannot too warmly express my admiration of the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canda will always be a glorious page in the history of the sons of the Empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent and is sending to the front.

"Reports which indicate that disloyalt exists among Trish regiments are absolutely untrue. In the hour of danger my countrymen Mr. Adalbert Stone Hay, the new United have ever been among the first to lay down whether it be against Boer or any other to his Queen and brave in battle." - Reuter.

### Clothing Tommy Atkins.

The greatest activity prevails throughout the Royal Army Clothing Department at Grosvenor road, Pimlico. In all the branches the emp loyees are working at high pressure in order to cope with the unprecedented demand made upon the resources of the Department. The huge piles of clothing and other equipment lying about the Department's extensive premises, not to mention the innumerable bales ready for shipment or distribution, and big rolls of clothnewly arrived for inspection, present a remarkable sight,

Since the beginning of October over 200,000 suits of khaki have been issued, whilst it is in tended that at least a million yards of the familiar drill shall be made jute uniforms during the next two months. In addition, between 30,000 and 40,000 drab serge uniforms have been supplied; these form but an instalment of a huge total, for present contracts provide for some, 230,000 more. The issue of drab sergesuits only began within the last few weeks with the mobilization of the Fifth Division, and some difficulty was experienced in getting the material in sufficient quantity and dyed the right colour, The sixth and Seventh Divisions will take at least a suit apiece both of drab serge and khaki.

For the past few months the average daily output of stores for the use of outgoing troops: has been 35 from, including hospital stores. About 50 tons per week of reserve stores have been sent to the Cape. The significance of these figures may be bester appreciated by the fact that the annual output of stores from the Department is about 3,000 tons.

Railway Collision at Bermondsey. "Shortly after eight o'clock on the 19th ulto. the 8.10 train from London Bridge for East Grinstead ran into the rear of the 8.7 train from London Bridge to Victoria (via the South London) close to Bermondsey signal-box. The guard's van and next carriage were smash-Two passengers, evidently workmen, were killed on the spot, and five other passengers and two guards swere injured. On one of the passengers killed was found a card with the name "A. Keighley, Holloway-road," but there was nothing upon the other dead passenger by which to identify him. The name of the other passengers injured are: F. J. Hunt, Tollington Park; J. Bennett, 32, Ehzabeth-road, Tottenham; Thomas Groves, Islington; W. II Stevens, Southwark Bridge-road; and H. Hicks, of Peckham. The guards injured are named Reeves and Peto. The latter is lying at Guy's Hospital seriously injured. The injuries, of the passengers are described as slight, and they were all able to proceed to their destinations.

The accident had the effect of blocking the line for some time, and numbers of City men had to detrain at Spa-road and proceed on foot | 1871-Germany proclaimed an Empire. or by omnibus to the City. Asked what caused 1878-Adrianopolo occupied by the Russians. the accient, the authorities at London Bridge were unable to say at present, but pointed out that the collision occurred in a log. Both were down trains; and were not very heavily laden with passengers. It appears that the train, from Victoria was standing still when the Oxted train dashed into it. The impact was of considerable force, for, in addition to the destruction of the van and carriage, the smokestack and buffers of the colliding engine were broken off,

### "The Art of Running Down" -the English.

We (Pall Mall) have almost become accustomed\_to\_the\_abuse of\_the\_Continental-press,\_ but surely no more virulent attack upon England has appeared in all the long category of foreign vilification than that which is given the chief place in the columns of Le Soir (Brussels) of Saturday, December 2nd. It is headed "Atrocités Anglaises," and is a most extraordinary farrago of charges against our army in the Transvaal. The article commences by saying that the post has brought a brochure by 1869-Attack on Lieut. Kerr and the boat of M. Edmond Demotins entitled "Boers and English," and, at the same time, a packet of 1887--- Collision in the Yangtsze between the letters from Belgians who have taken up their abode in the Transvaal. The author of the pamphlet is on the side of the English, affirming that they are the instrument of evolution | 1891--Celebration of the Jubilee of Hongkong, in their struggle against the Boers, and, as against this view, the Brussels evening paper prints a number of letters which it declares it has received from "disinterested"-always with an accent on the disinterested-compatriot correspondents. One letter, bearing date Pretoria, October 20th, says :-

It is already proved that the English, in spite of all the conventions, make the Kaffirs fight in their ranks. They are the first to be Roman Catholic Cathedral; - Mass at 6 a.m., sent to face fire. If the blacks break the Boer lines, the English follow in order to cry "Victory!" but if, as is the case up to the Union Church :-- Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. present, their lot is unfavourable, a contrary state of things is produced. These are the unfortunate blacks, who are massacred for the -Soldiers of the Queen, permitting the latter to

beat a retroat or rather to flee precipitately. The English act towards the Boers as if face to face with a savage horde, and their conduct is in formal contradiction to the principles and social laws which govern the relations of

civilized belligerents of white races. The presence of natives in the midst of English soldiers is an unworthy thing. To

commenced at 40 gs., and was eventually her auxiliaries, will deliver themselves to the knocked down to Mr. Davis, of Birmingham worst excesses. Intoxicated by victory and for £77. Another snuffbox of oak (formerly | gorged with whisky, they will pillage and burn

the villages, massacring the defenceless women. These precious documents, always disinterested, contain other remarkable charges, such, for instance, that the English use Dum-Dumi bullets; that they slay the wounded and that they are accustomed to carry the heads of the slain upon their spear-points. Here, again, is another cllusion:

How cowardly they are! At Dundee they fled, abandoning on the field of battle their wounded, and even dying general. They saved themselves with their arms, thanks to a thick fog, which hid their flight.

One letter has the title "Drunken Assassins." After commenting on the drunkenness of the English soldiers the writer says: "It is not astonishing that, in their intoxicated frenzy, they slew the Boer wounded after the manner of savages and barbarian s."

Le Sell adds, on its own account, by way of setting to these impartial epistles: "The English have continued in the Transvaal their practices in the Soudan. To war with savages they have become savage themselves." After recapitulating the "Dum-Dum" and other charges, the writer says: "The French language is powerless to brand such abominations." "We know," continues the journal, "the severity of the natural laws, but it is impossible to admit that progressive evolution is only to 2.45 p.m. -Auction Sale of household furniture be accomplished at the price of these atrocities.

Commenting on the above "a Britisher Abroad! writes :

The attention you have bestowed on the

virulent attacks upon England-appearing in the columns of Le Soir (Brussels) is giving an importance to that "advertisement-sheet" which it does not deserve. Le Soir is not a newspaper. It claims to have a large circulation, but this is obtained because it is given away. Le Soir | Cargo ex America Mora subject to rent. is delivered free to, every house in Brusselv, (About) -P. & O. steamer Tombay Jeaves for provided the occupier will pay threepence a month to the parteuse for the cost of delivery. On the strength of this it obtains a number of advertisements, but its comments on political or social events carry no weight whatevers. It is one of Dr. Leyds's organs, and it published the advertisement offering engagements in the English army. It would just as readily publish a column of fulsome praise of England if paid for at so many francs per line. Few of the journals published in Brussels should be taken seriously while Dr. Leyds and his mischievous "Legation" are allowed to remain in this city,

### SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain Weigall, of the steamship Loongsang. from Manila, reports :- Fine weather.

Captain Smith, of the steamship Taksang, from Bangkok, reports : - Strong monsoon and high head sea throughout.

Captain Lincoln, of the steamship Knownglee, from Shanghai, reports: Shanghai to Hacchu-Island light variable winds, fine and overcast, thence to port moderate northerly winds and fine clouds weather.

### TANDA

CALENDAR.

Mileorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898. Barometer ......30.159 Humidity......74 TO-DAY. On date at On date at 30.10 Temperature ...... 64

Humidity ...... 80 Rainfall..... TO-DAY. Saturday, 20th January, 1900. Chinese - 20th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang sii. Suny -- Rises ..... Chr. 45min. Set ..... 5hr. 37 min. Moon-In Apogee thr. a.m. Moon-In Equator thr. p.m. High water--- Afternoon ..... ohr. 11min. Afternoon ..... uhr. min. Low water Norning ...... 5hr. jimin.

ANNIVERSARIES. 1841- Treaty of Chuenpi concluded. Captain Elliot issued a circular re the cession of Hongkong. 1843-Birth of the first Hongkong born British

Afternoon..... 5hr. 5min.

1891-Death of Kalakana, King of Hawaii Attempt to set fire to the C. N. Co.'s steamer Pekin at Shanghaia

1896--S.S. On Sang ran on Dunmail Rock and ··· beached. 1897 -- Census of Hongkong taken : population

TO-MORROW. Sunday, 21st January, 1900. Chinese-21st of 12th moon of 25th year of Kwang-sit. Sun-Rises ..... 6hr. 44min. High water-Morning ..... ohr. 34min. Afternoon ..... 11hr. 33min. Low water-Morning ...... 6hr. tomin. · Afternoon ..... 5hr. 51min. ANNIVERSARIEŠ. '\*

1793- Louis XVI. executed. was succeeded by Sir George Best Robinson.

1861 - Lord Elgin left Hongkong for England. 1867- S.S. Corea lost. the Cockchafer at Swatow.

P. & O. steamer Nepaul and the Chit nese transport Wan Nien Ching, the latter sunk and over 100 lives lost. commenced. I estructive fireat Hanoi.

1897-Jubilee of the London Daily News.

AGENDA. CHURCH SERVICES.

.... Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5.45 p.m. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction,

German Bothesda Chapel, West Point:-Morning Service, 11 a.m. St. Francis' Church, Wanchai :-- Mass (Chin.),

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road :-- Morning Service (English), 9 s.m. St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:-Mass, Wesleyan Methodist Church :- Services, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. St. Peter's Seamen's Church: -11 a.m. and

the troops, but it is commonly asserted that, | the palm who has deserved it." The bidding | dread that the savages, whom she has made | Daylight-O. & O. steamer Coptic-leaves for | San Francisco. C. & O. steamer Carlisle City leaves for San | Sakura Maru, Japanese str., for Yokohama, Diego and San Francisco.

1 1.30 and 1.45 Royal H.K.Y.C. Sixth Club Race MONDAY, 22nd.

Cargo ex Onsang subject to rent. Cargo ex Hyson subject to rent. Cargo ex Canton subject to rent. Cargo ex Saint Regulus subject to rent. N. L. H.-A. steamer Ambria leaves for Havi

and Hamburg.

3 p.m.-"Dunnottar" to be sold by Auction, on the premises. 4.15 p.m.:-Football-H.K.F.C. 7. 25th Co. S. D. R. A. Happy Valley.

TUESDAY, 23rd. O. S. steamer Antenor leaves for London. Noon-Extraordinary meeting of the China Provident Insurance Co. Ltd. 3 p.m .-- Auction sale for spaces, to erect booths and matshed for Races, on the

WEDNÉSDAY, 24th. 11.30 a.m.-Eleventh Ordinary Meeting of the West Point Building Co. Ltd. at

Company's offices, Victoria Buildings. 12, noon-Twelfth Ordinary Meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Cos-Ltd. at the same place. by Geo. P. Lammert at Rose Villas

THURSDAY, 25th. C. N. steamer Kansu leaves for Samarang and Souradaya.

West, Bonham Road.

" Ben " Line steamer Bentomend leaves for C. N. steamer Aunchang leaves for Manila,

Hoilo and Cebu.

5 p.m. 2-Hongkong Boat Club - Race between Garrison, Club and German crews Launch leaves Queen Statue Wharf for friends, at 4.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, 26th. Daylight. N. Y. K. steamer Kamakura Mara leaves for Europe.

4 p.m. -N. Y. K. steamer Varvata Maru leaves for Australia. 4.45 p.m .-- Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic, Society at

8.30 for 9 p.m. .- Regular meeting of the Victoria. Preceptory. SATURDAY, 27th. Noon - T. K. K. steamer America Maru leaves

the City Hall.

for San Francisco. Soon E. & A. steamer Eastern leaves for Sydney and Melbourne. 9 p.m. Concert in aid of the "Missus and "Kids" Fund at Victoria Recreation

### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

Canadian (Empress of India) 22nd inst. German (Karlsriela) 23rd inst. German (Oldenburg) 25th inst. Indian (Arrateon Aprar) 26th inst. American (Gaelie) 3rd prox.

The Silk ex Empress of Japan arrived in New York on the 19th inst.

The C. N. Cods steamer Nanchang left Manila to-day and is due here on 23rd a.m.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer Belgian, King left Japan on 18th and is due here on 23rd inst. The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Surfedon left

Singapore to-day and is due here on 25th inst. The steamer Arratoon Apear from Calcutta. left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon.

The N. P. S. S. Co.'s steamer Monmouth shire arrived at Portland Oregon' from Japanand Hongkong on 16th instant.

The N. Y. K.'s steamer Kamakura Maru (Europe Line) left Kobe for this port to-day-(19th inst.) and is expected to arrive here on the 24th inst. .

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M.S. Embress of China arrived at Shanghai 3 p.m. Saturday/20th inst. and leaves for Nagasaki at noon where she is due to arrive 8 a.m. Monday gand inst-

The Imperial German mail steamer Oldenburg carrying the German mails with dated from Berlin of the 25th October has left Singapore on Saturday the 20th inst. at 10 a.m. and may be expected here on or about Thursday

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS. Isla de Cuba...... at Kowloon Dock Isla de Luzon ....... H.I.G.M.S. Hertha... H.L.G.M.S. Geffon ... " U.S.S. Monddnoch .... H.M.S. Tweed...... Kiangtung ........ Trafalgar..... Kinshin Maru..... D. Juan d'Austria ... , Cosmopolitan 

Arrivals. TAKSANG, British steamer, 977, Albert Smith, 19th Jan., Bangkok fath Jan., Rice. --Jardine, Matheson & Co. BENGAL, British steamer, 2,751, S. Barchani, 20th Jang-Bombay 3rd Jan, and Singa--pose 14th, Mails and General .-- P. & O.

KWANG LEE, Chinese steamer, 1,507, R. L. Lincoln, 20th Jan., Shanghai 17th Jan., General.-C. M. S. N. Go. LOONGSANG, British steamer, 1,092, Weigall, 20th Jan., -Manila 17th Jan., General. -Jardine, Matheson & Co.

S. N. Co.

St. John's Cathedral:—Communion, 7 a.m., FUSILUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, W. II. Lunt, 20th Jan., Canton 19th January, General.-C. M. S. N. Co. FOOKSANG, British steamer, 990, R. Y. Anderson, 20th Jan., - Canton 19th Jan., General. -lardine, Matheson & Co.

WOOSUNG, British steamer, 1,150, Dawson, 20th Jan .. - Canton 19th Jan., General .- Butterfield & Swire. Avenava Languese torneda-hoat destroyer

Jio, Lieut.-Comdr. H. Kawase, 20th Jan., -London 24th December. CATIFAY, Danish steamer, 2,648, C. Jensen, 20th Jan.,—Antwerp via Singapore 10th Jan., General.-Melchers & Co.

Amigo, German steamer, 771, J. Bendixen, 20th Jan., - Haiphong 17th Jan., and Hoihow 19th, Rice and General,-Jebsen

Clearances at the Harbour Office. Sungkiang, British str., for Manila. Kanagawa Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe. Woosung, British str., for Shanghai. Carliste City, British str., for Kobe. Kasuga Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki. Haiching, British str., for Swatow. Maidzuru Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow. Fushum, Chinese str., for Shanghai, Coptic, British str., for Macao. King Arthur, British ship, for Tacoma. Sabine Rickmers, British str., for Bangkok, Gutherie, British str., for Shanghai. Macduff, British str., for Moji. Pak Kong, British str., for Canton. Shantung, British str., for Samarang.

Departures. Jan. 20, Massilia, British str., for Europe. Jan. 20, Formosa, British str., for Swatow. Jan. 20, Singan, British str., for Shanghal. Jan. 20, St. Regulus, British str., for Kobe. Jan. 20, Tientsin, British str., for Canton. Jan. 20, Robilla, British str., for Japan. Jan. 20, Kasuga Maru, Jap. str., for Japan. Jan. 20, Fushun, Chinese str., for Shanghai, Jan. 20, Sungkinng, British str., for Manila. Jan. 20, Guthrie, British str., for Shanghai. Jan. 20, Fooksang, British str., for Shanghai. Jan. 20, Kanagarea Maru, Jap. str., for Kobe. Jan. 20, Fausang, British str., for Canton.

### Passengers-Arrived,

Per Louigsang, from Manila-48 Chinese. Per Taksang, from Bangkok-109 Chinese. Per Kroung Lee, from Shanghai-Miss Dieteks, Mr. Piry, and 8t Chinese. Per Bengal, for Hongkong from Bombay-

Mr. B. Radabhoy and servant. From London ... Mr. and Mrs. Aitkew, Miss Whyte, and Mrs. Mary Ward. From Marseilles-Mr. Phelpott. From Brindisi -- Mr. A. B. Grieve. From Singapore-Mr. T. H. Mahoney. For Shanghai from Bombay-Lieut, A. H. Johnson, Messrs. No Sorabii and A. B. Vama: From London-Messrs, T. Middleton and P. G. Nichol. From'-Marseilles -- Mr. and 'Mrs. Morrison. From Penang -- Mr. G. R. Clerk. For Yokohama from Brindisi-Dr. A. Giorni, and Count Rossi Martini. From London-Capt. and Mrs. Hamilton and child, Misses Stormer, Jackson, Messrs. Spratley, Laird, R. C. Buckingham. Capt. H. H. Scales, Messys. T. W. Crowe and C. A. Swan. From Marseilles-Mrs. and Miss From Port Said-Dr. and Mrs.

Per Amigo, from Hoihow—12 Chinese. Per Cathay, from Singapore-Mr. Horn, and 171 Chinese,

... Departed,

Per Massilia, from Shanghai for London-Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey, Messrs. P. McCann. and D. C. Gibson. For Brindisi-Bishop Von Augen. For Bombay-Mr. M. S. Joseph. From Hongkong for London-Mr. W. H. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cox, Messrs. S. H. Northcote, Messrs. W. McWhirter, F. Y. Edwards and H. B. Batty. For Marseilles-Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brown. For Brindisl-Mr. D. M. Baddwin, Majore J. O. Hutchinson, Mr. H. Lord, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilson. For Port Said ... Mrs. C. H. Watt, and Mrs. W. R. v. Foster. For Singapore-Messrs. A. T. Hart, D. McGredie, I. D. F. Lancing, Mr. and Mrs. Abbot Robinson, Mrs. and Miss Robinson, Messrs, W. G. Robinson, George Gilbert and

Per Kusuga Maru, for Kobe—Mr. Y. Kobayashi. For Nagasaki-Mrs. Anna Huhstat, Messrs. C. Chiyo and S. Shimosato.

### STRAMERS EXPECTED.

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	Arratoon Apcar	Singapore	Jan. 26th
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		7.00	r co, ich

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings are now published in these columns, and in so doing respect-fully urge the managers of shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already sup-plied gratis with the latest available information every day.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

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	AlgoaSa	n Francisco, &c.	Mar. 1st.
	America Maru Sa	n Francisco, &c.	Jan. 27th
	Antenor Lo	ndon	Jan. 23rd
	Asturia No	aw York	Mar. 15th
	Babelsberg H:	ivre, &c	Feb. 15th
	Bayem Sti	raits, &c.	Mar. 7th
	Belgian King Sa	n Diekol &c	Feb. 315t
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	Bombay Lo	ondon	Jan. 25th
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	Carlisle City Sa	n Diego, &c	Jan. 21st
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•	City of RioSa	n Francisco, &c.,	Mar. 3rd
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	Emp: India	7.11	Feb. 14th
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	Karlsruhe	raits, &c	Jan. 24th
	König Albert Str	nits, &c	April 4th
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Westplialia ..... Havre, &c. ...... Feb. 27th Wittenberg ..... Havre, &c. ....... Jan. 29th Yawata Maru ... Thursday Is., &c... Jan. 26th

### **Untimations.**

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

OTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Provident Loan and Morgage Company will be held at the Office of the Com-

pany, No. 9, Praya Gentral, on TUESDAY, the 23rd of January, at NOON, when the SUB-JOINED RESOLUTIONS will be proposed.

Should the Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS at a SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, which will be subsequently convened. RESOLUTIONS:

"That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation and issue of 50,000 New Shares of \$20 each." "That the commission of the General Managers be reduced to 5 per cent.; and that the figure "8" in the sixth paragraph of Article XI of the Articles of Association of the Company be struck out and the figure "5" substituted therefor."
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers. Hongkong, 16th January, 1900.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EEE-SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January 1900, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Ruport of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will

be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, (both days) inclusive), during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER.

Secretary to The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited, General Agents for The West Point Building Co.,

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY COMPANY,

LIMITEED.

NIOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, in this Company will be held at the 'COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1900, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending

31st December, 1899. The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January to Wednesday, the 24th January, (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER. . Secretary:

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO, STEAMBOAT COMPANY LIMITED

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTIL ORDINARY 1 HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHARE HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings. Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 3 Est, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together | the American Continent. | Magnificent Scenery with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a lof the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. Dividend and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company | Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of will be CLOSED from the 19th January to the | he first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES. 1st February inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1960. THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDS ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NIOTICE, is hereby given that the ELE-N VENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be copy must be sent forgoard by the steamer to tained upon application: held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 6th February, 1900, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 3) st December, 1899.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 27th January, to TUESDAY, the 6th February, (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,

Agents for The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1900. "THE ABSENT MINDED BEGGAR.

CRAND NEW PATRIOTIC POEM by RUDYARD KEPLING, Music by Sir ARTHUR SULLIVAN.

Has created a furore unexampled, amazing, Order at once "for your Credits Sake and

Pay, Pay, Pay. Proceeds given to Patriotic Fund. , ROBINSON PIANO CO., Hongkong, Shanghai & Singapore.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1899.

JUST RECEIVED.

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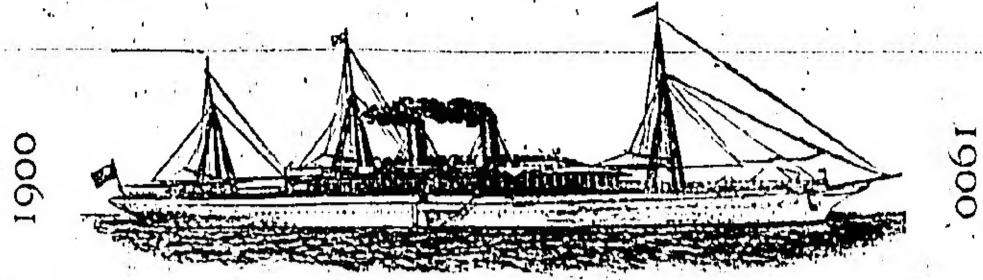
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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Tuesday, 20th March, Kobe, Inland, Sea. at Noon. Yokohama & Hono-

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Hongkong, 15th January, 1900.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 16th January, 1900.

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### FALLING IN LOVE WITH INVISIBLE WOMEN.

Of all mysteries of human affection none seems more inexplicable than the love of a man for a woman whom he has never seen in the flesh. The few cases with which we are acquainted are not wanting in features of interest.

Perhaps the most remarkable is that which led to the suicide of a young, wealthy and aristocratic member of the French Royalist party rather more than a year ago. He was deeply affected by the fine painting of a young woman in the Paris Salon, so much so that he offered to buy the picture, if the artist would give him an introduction to the original. This the artist refused, on the score that he could accept no conditions to the purchase of the picture, and apart from that, he was not a matrimonial agent. Despite his chagrin, the fascinated man bought the painting.

He now made every effort to discover the lady's identity, and eventually succeeded. He also found someone who was willing to give him an introduction, but, when everything had been arranged, the lady left France. Subsequently, he wrote to her, proposed and was accepted, the lady promising to return at once to France to marry him. A certain Parisian society paper got wind of the romantic affair, and published some remarks about the lady that were not altogether flattering. Immediately a duel was arranged between the editor and the lover, in which the latter slightly wounded his adversary in the arm. But this satisfaction was shortlived; for he soon learnt that the stories published, were rather less than the true facts, and he blew out his brains before he had ever seen his fascinator.

A good deal of attention was given to the marriage by proxy of a young Dutch lady in South Africa a while ago; it was considered remarkable for the reason that a proxy stood for the absent bridegroom. But this was not the most remarkable feature of the marriage for when that event took place the bride and bridegroom had never before seen each other. albeit they had been engaged nearly two years.

The lady was born in South Africa, and the man was a native of Holland, who had never been out of his country. His brother, however, had emigrated, when quite a young man, to seck his fortune in Cape Colony, and there he made the acquaintance of the lady who was destined to marry his brother. Unfortunately, the fortune-hunter was stricken down with fever, and died. Knowing that a deep attachment had existed between the brothers, the lady took upon herself, the task of acquainting the man in Holland, a bank manager, with his brother's death, and offering him her sympathy. This led to correspondence, also to an interchange of photographs; and eventually the bank manager made the lady an offer of marriage, which she accepted. His business, however, would not permissof his leaving Holland for so long as to travel to South Africa and return, and the lady could not see her way to leaving her aged parents. Consequently, the marriage by proxy was arranged, and thus, the lovers never saw each other until they had been man and wife some few months...

It was in very much the same way that a well known barrister first became acquainted with his wife. In the days of his brieflessness he went to South America to make a fortune. While there he was drawn into correspondence with a lady (a friend of his sister), whom he had never before heard of, and fell deeply in love with her, for the charming character she showed in her correspondence and the portrait his sister was induced to post to, him. It therefore fell as a severe blow to him, after a few months of the most friendly correspondence, to hear that the lady was to be married; and, in the keenness of disappointment, he vowed that he would not return to England. Two years later, however, the assurances that he received of a good supply of briefs led him to reconsider his decision and return; and some months later he learnt that his erstwhile friend had become a and as he was as much fascinated by the lady's personality as he had been by her letters he proposed and was finally accepted. - Advocate.

### THE ARMOURED TRAIN FIGHT.

HOW THE DUBLINS RALLIED.

ESTCOURT, November 14th. After a succession of what our local correspondents call "quiet days at Estcourt," the situation has suddenly changed. For some days past reports have been received that the Boers intended coming down from Colenso by Weenen's Pass, as they had but little food and were tired of the country round Ladysmith. This morning at twelve o'clock, as I was starting for my usual ride round the country, we heard the three guns that denote an alarm. It was discovered that parties of the enemy had been seen in the vicinity. The garrison, numbering since the arrival of the West Yorks some 3,000 men, at once stood to arms. I accompanied Colonel Martyr, D.S.O., who is in command of the mounted troops. We at once started for that part of the surrounding country that the Boers were reported to be raiding. After a smart trot of some nine miles we heard musketry; it was the enemy opening fire on our advanced scouts, who speedily retired. We then located the Boers on the top of a very high hill. They seemed in some force, and crowded to the highest pinnacle of the height to look at our party. Colonel Martyr at once sent for two guns of the Natal, Field Artillery. The Natal Field Artillery are armed only with what are rudely described as populars; and, really, for effective use they are little more, being the old 7-pounder muzzle-loader with a range of only 3,000 yards. It is really disgraceful the way some of these colonial forces are equippedprehistoric rifles, faulty ammunition. It was, of course, impossible to foresee that the brunt of the fighting would fall on loyal Natal, but surely her windtrimming, time-serving Ministry might have done better for the local forces as regards their armament. The material is excellent; the men being mostly colonial-bred, knowing the country well; good horsemen and fair shots. Perhaps the pick of all the local forces I have as yet seen are the Natal Mounted Police, mostly gentlemen; light-weights, fine horsemen, excellent shots, they are an ideal mounted infantry corps. Their duties in time of peace extend over a very wide area. Hunting in couples, so to speak, they patrol far into Zululand, Pondoland, and the adjacent territories. Little is heard of their work, but we are reaping the benefit of it now; for without the Natal Mounted Police we should have to rely almost entirely on Kaffirs for our information.

"The native, I may mention, has no notion whatever of either time or amount. For instance, what he calls 'nn " impi," which really means an army corps, may easily resolve itself there would be but little chance for him. The into twenty or thirty men. The same remark ... holds good in the obverse manner: "A few; oh, not many," may be a commando 2,000 strong.

The guns that had been sent for arrived, but the moment the enemy noticed them they beat a hurried retreat. The position occupied by the Boers was a range of hills connected with each other by what are called necks. They, as I have said, immediately retired to the next Captain Haldane is wounded in the shoulder; she had made up her mind to take to the boards if you'll take the trouble to look !"-Exchange. Advocate of India;

bill, where they took up a very strong position. | Second-Lieutenant Franklin, who displayed and Macrae had let her, she'd have made her Martyr's command. We were therefore pre-

our intense surprise we noticed that the firing on our wounded, who were painfully Boers were gradually clearing off the top of the last hill -an impregnable position. I this is infusing a bitterness into men's hearts, Immediately the hill seemed to be clear, the | and the Boers may be prepared for reprisals Natal Carabiniers, whose horses must have some goat blood in them, climbed up to the top, and, firing one volley, cleared the Boers off into the low country. Now would have been our chance. Oh! for a good cavalry regiment-Lancers for choice. But it was not to be ; horses and men were alike dead tired. It was now 6.30, and a large amount of ground had been covered since twelve o'clock. The rain, too, had begun to fall; in fact, -it-was

raining as it can only rain in a Natal summer.

The order was given to retire, which we did, the Boers following us at a respectful distance, occasionally firing at our rear-guard. These sort of minor affairs take place practically every day. The position here is peculiar in the extreme. We are, of course, the nearest point to Ladysmith that is still held by the British. Our garrison consists of some 3,000 men; we are assembling stores for the division that is going to relieve Ladysmith. The town is absolutely at the mercy of an enemy who choses to plant a few field-guns on the surrounding having been torn up. Major Butterworth, like most comedians, a yearning for tragedy heights, and we are beginning to know the R.A.M.C., advanced, bearing a flag of truce. when he was no more suited for serious business value of the Boer artillery. Their gun practice is excellent, and if their shells were burst even occasionally our losses, great as they are, would have justified Kruger's promise that he would stagger humanity. Owing, however, either, to defective fuses or bad powder, the fact remains that the Boer shells are almost harmless, on The loyal farmers are coming in crowds with their cattle as the Boers approach closer. Poor people! they are suffering terribly from this war; many, unless recompensed by the Imperial Government, are utterly ruined. Too proud to appeal to English charity, they pin

I went yesterday another trip on the armoured train. We went almost as far as Colenso, but returned in haste, as parties of Boers were reported in the neighbourhood. I same convinced that the armoured train will be the cause of a dreadful disaster some day. Nothing could be easier than to place a dynamite cartridge on the rail. The train off the line, the Boers could shell us out of the "death-trap" as it is called, and the whole party would be out off, and either destroyed or forced to surrender. ESTCOURT, November, 15th.

their faith on English justice.

The expected has at last happened, and our armoured train is taken. You will remember that in my previous article I was strangely prophetic. By a great stroke of luck l'escaped going in the ill-fated train, as the day before Colonel Martyr, commanding the mounted troops, asked me to act as his galloper that day. The facts, of which I have confirmation, are as follows. The train, with one company Dublin Fusiliers and half-compay Durban Light Infairtry, together with a 7-pounder naval gun. left Estenuit at an early hour on Wednesday.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S VALOUR. The enemy were reported in some strength this side of Colenso. The train had orders to bring back as much information as possible. and report if the line had been further damaged. The train proceeded very slowly, but near Chieveley a catastrophe was awaiting them. Boer commande from Springfield, with three heavy guns, was awaiting them. The enemy had chosen their place well, as about this spo the track curved almost in semi-circles. At the bottom of a stiff gradient turning a corner the Boers had laid their trap, widening the rails some nine inches at the very place where the train should have swung round the corner. They widow. Then the acquaintance was renewed were rewarded by a dreadful smash. One of the trucks manned by Dublins and Volunteers turned over on its side, hurling the man to the ground: The Boers immediately opened a heavy and continuous shell-fire from their heavy quick-firing guns, dropping their shells continually right in the middle of the party. The half company of the D.L.l. attempted to right the capsized truck, while the Dublins, under command of Captain Haldane (Gordon Highlanders, who was wounded at Elands Langte), occupied a position some distance away from the wrecked train. In the meantime a portion of the enemy had worked round behind

us, and had succeeded in removing a rail. A party of volunteers, consisting entirely of platelayers, &c., led by Mr. Winston Churchill, who behaved throughout with most heroic courage. succeeded in replacing the rails. Some idea of the accuracy of the enemy's fire and of Mr. Churchill's courage may be obtained by narrating the fact that a Boershell buist in front of Mr. Churchill's face, killing two men on each side of him. Our wounded were now dotting the veldt on each side, the continued rifle-fire and the weird sound of the quick-firers adding to the horrors of the situation. At last the line was clear, and the engine, with one carriage of the armoured train, was enabled to return to Frere, leaving Captain Haldane's party fiercely engaged. The Boers gave it a passing salvo of shells, hitting the tender and nearly derailing the train a second time. It escaped, however, and proceeded back to Frere station with its melancholy load. At Frere Mr. Churhill, despite the entreaties of the people with him, insisted on returning to Captain Haldane. who was an old comrade of his in the Tirah expedition, and seizing a rifle from one of the wounded men, was last seen making his way across the veidt. The officer in command of the rear truck reports that Winston Churchill was hit twice, in the hand and in the shoulder. We have, however, no confirmation of this. The train arrived safely at Estcourt. It was a horrible sight, the wounds inflicted by the Boer shells being awful. The inside of the truck was literally a pool of blood. The unfortunate men were at once taken into the hospital, where they were immediately attended to. All

of the wounded who were fit to give any account of the engagement describe Churchill's conduct in most glowing terms. It must have been heroic beyond all ordinary heroism. He is described as walking up and down under the terrible fire, giving confidence to the wavering volunteers, carrying the wounded, at another moment collecting a party of good shots to assist Captain Haldane. I short, there can be no possible doubt that he carried himself in a manner worthy of the historic name he bears. It is no exaggeration or stereotyped form to say that every one in camp regrets his loss bitterly. Dead he may be, a prisoner certainly; for, true to his character, he insisted on wearing the medals he had carned as a soldier. I begged him not to wear them, and pointed out that if he were taken

the best thing for them to release him. USELEGNESS OF THE "DEATH TRAP.". Our approximate losses in killed, wounded, and missing are about one hundred men only.

one liope—and it is a view that several of us-

who know him well hold—is that he is such an

extraordinary man that he is quite capable of

convincing the Boer leaders that it would be

A squadron of the Imperial Light Horse and the greatest courage, sticking to Haldane fortune in a couple of days as a mimic! But one troop of Natal Carabiniers attempted to although wounded himself, is missing. Among Macrae was both poor and proud-a bad comturn their flank for the purpose of ascertaining | the many gallant deeds done the conduct of | bination, sir-and would never have thought of their strength. They were partially successful; | Surgeant Flasett, of the Dublins, stands out | allowing Mabel to contribute to their support. and brought back a report estimating the prominently. When Captain Wylie of the for as he used to say, if one couldn't manage to enemy's numbers at about five hundred. It Durban Light Infantry was hit, the brave keep two decently, then, it was hard lines. was, of course, impossible to attempt to drive | sergeant, while standing under a heavy fire, | Nevertheless, none knew but himself what a them out with the small force under Colonel succeeded in building a wall of stones hard struggle it was to live. The public someparing to return to the hills above Estdourt, The other deeds of gallantry hare, too popular taste, and perhaps he was a bit too which were held by the infantry brigade numerous to mention. A cruel feature of the refined for those times of rough and ready and the remainder of the guns, when to day's fighting was the conduct of the Boers in comedians. sooner or later. Immediately the news reached us Colonel Martyr, with one squadron of Imperial Light Horse, one troop Natal Carbiniers, and the mounted infantry of the 60th Rifles, at once proceeded to cover the retreat and pick up the wounded. We found about fifteen, carts. Shortly after this the Light Horse and Carbiniers, who were in front with the 60th in support, got into touch with the enemy and a pietty little skirmish followed. The L.L.H. succeeded in killing the Boer commandant, three picked shots firing a volley at | ing for ! him. I saw him reel in the saddle and fall, so there can be no doubt. They carried his | that,' says he. body away; shortly after this the enemy reto the wily Dutchman, who is not fond of open [lead. A fellow with a voice like yours ought to ground. On our return an ambulance train | make the piece!" flying the Red Cross was sent out to pick up | " Macrae looked a bit crestfallen, for hi our wounded. It was, however, stopped some light voice, more like a-woman's than a man's miles from the scene of the fight, the rails had always been a thorn in his flesh, having, The liner Commandant, whom we afterwards I than the man in the moon killed, refused to allow him to proceed, saying that he must have General foubert's consent, railway promptly bolted and refused to return. They were at once shifted to Pietermaritzburg, where I hope trouble awaits them. As I slightest good. This one especially was, as the men termed, a "death trap," as it was open at the top, and, as actually happened, shells bursting over it create fearful havoe. It is no time to attempt criticism, but more might be said. " Esteourt itself is deserted, the stores are closed, and their occupants have fled either to Maritzburg or Durban. To put matters plainly Natal is in a state of panic, and the division fidence. What we want here is guns and anyone mounted infantry, cavalry are no good in this part of the country. We unfortunately have

> It is rumoured that Churchill is to be recom-Mended for the V.C.

> ESTCOURT, NATAL. November, 17th on the disaster to the armoured train. It appears that the total loss was not so great as a first reported. We sent the ambulance train out first had an answer from General Joubert. They to go near their camp, and refused to give any information as to names or nature of wounds, saying that there were only five killed. and three wounded on their hands. It is feared Captain Haldane is among the wounded. They refused to say anything about Churchill, saying that they did not understand, such things as "war correspondents." I need scarcely say the train runs no more.—P. M. Gazette Cor.

### A FALLEN STAR

with the flush of pride at having secured my first paid lengagement hardly faded from my cheeks. It was a cold November, and I had sauntered into the Shakespeare, 'a small but comfortable tavern down a side street off the Strand, where theatrical folk, impecunious or otherwise, were accustomed to congregate and discuss prospective "shops" and scan the eagerly advertisement columns of the "Fra."

As I entered the private bar, I glanced around to see whether the man I had arranged to meet had arrived, but the place for once was empty, and considering myself alone I sat upon a stool and called for a bitter; one had to be economical in his drinks those days? "Cold night, sir!"

I turned at the sound of the voice, and then noticed a tall thin man of sixty or thereabouts huddled up in the corner of the seat nearest the fire, and whom I had not previously observed. "Yes, indeed," I replied. "But we must ex-

"To be sure, but as we get older we feel the chill winds. Besides, you're not out of a shop. I'm afraid I coloured slightly, and then answered briefly "No."

"Well, I am, and have been for years. There's no chance for an old actor nowadays, with all these young chaps springing up. It's youth managers want, not experience." Again I coloured, for I was sensitive on the

score of my juvenile appearance. "We were all young once," I responded warmly, "and I suppose everyone has his chance some time or other."

The old man sighed deeply, and took a retrospective pull at his pipe. "Ah! Chance—luck! What a marvellous me, moved by my obvious compassion. thing it is!" He began to hold himself more erect, and a latent fire gleamed in his bleary eyes, "'Some are born great, others have stands before you now!" greatness thrust upon them.' How true the words are, and no one knows it better than myself. You've heard of Macrae, the great come-

"Yes," I replied, "but he never kept long to the boards, I understand. Retired, or something of the sort, didn't he?" My friend drew closer to me, and whispered

"No, but he had to leave them-went to the "Indeed!"

"Yes, but that's neither here nor there. What I was talking about was luck-chance; A man may be clever, conscientious, a thorough master of the craft, yet never come to the front, while another may be pushed into a position by a mere fluke. Think of the comedian, for example, who owed his success to a pain in the back. And it was much the same with Macrae, though no one ever dreamt of the

"You astonish me," I replied, becoming interested, and gazing at the somewhat dissipated countenance of the old man with wonder. But your glass is empty, I see! Name your Lifeeling remarkably foolish and vexed. poison."

"You're very kind, sir-Irish special."

"As it happens, I knew the Macraes personally, knew his family, his wife—all of em, in fact. He was only a young chap like yourself then, just married to a not particularly beautiful, but uncommonly nice girl, and one of the cleverest women living. Bless you if or more-you'll find his grave at Kensal Green disappeared into the surrounding scrub.

round the wounded officer to protect him howdidn't take to Macrae -- he hever gauged the

"About twelve months after his marriage he crawling across the veldt. Such behaviour as had a long spell of bad luck. He couldn't get an engagement anyhow, and to make matters worse, his wife fell ill, Macrae nearly went mad, for he loved Mabel passionately, and little by little their modest home disappeared to provide the extra nourishment she so much needed. Things had nearly reached the climax. soon and there seemed nothing in front of them but the workhouse or starvation, when Macrae mostly volunteers; these we sent down by happened to run across the great actor-manager l of those days.

"Hullo, Macrae ! he cried, with the hearty slap on the shoulder which 'old Bucky,' as we used to call him, was accustomed to greet everyone, 'you're the very man I've been look-

The young chap brightened up. 'I'm glad of "Yes, he continued. 'I've got hold of a tired, the country we were in not being suited | play-a beauty-and I want you for a comic

"However he snapped up the chance a once, and from that day studied the part with thus disposing of the rumour of Joubert's death. | the thoroughness which only a man can give This disaster is deeply to be deplored; apart | whose mind is in his work. The piece was not from our loss in gallant officers and men, the to be produced for another three weeks, but moral effect is so bad. The moment the news | Buckman had given him a sub on account, and came in to Estcourt the Kaffirs at work on the | so he spent the interval in nursing his wife and coaching himself at the same time. Mabel gradually began to mend, and to amuse her, Macrae frequently enacted the role of Anthony have previously stated; an armoured train is | Pumpkin at the bedside, but not without mutual both useless and dangerous; on no occasion | benefit, for the girl would give him many useful against well-armed opponents has it been the and valuable hints, and correct some of his more glaring gestures.

"All went well for awhile; Mabel was convalescent, and when the final rehearsal came, Buckman was highly pleased with the young he considered of such importance als to necessitute the engagement of an understudy, the undertow at times makes it wild riding. Macrae didn't take to this at all ; the understudy was pulpably jealous of him, he asked Buckman under General Sir Francis Clery is on its way to get someone else, but the latter with his here. This no doubt will tend to restore con- genial good nature saw no fault or guile in-

"At length the day of the premise arrived, and that very morning Macrae met with an accident. He was knocked down in the street by a cab--no bones being broken fortunately - but when he was brought home he was found to be so seriously bruised and shaken that the Since last writing fresh light has been thrown | doctor said it was absolutely necessary be should remain in bed at least a week. Macrae rtormed, raged, and fumed. His chance was gone; his understudy would get it instead, and thing the next day, relying on the Boers having | he cursed the fate that seemed to be working, as usual, against him! Mabel tried to reason utterly refused to allow, our medical officers | him into calmness, but he wouldn't listen; he clambered out of bed, only to stagger senseless to the floor.

"What was to be done? They were pretty nigh starving now, and no performance, no pay! Mabel thought hardly, Buckman had not yet been told of the occurrence, and she sent a messenger for her sister. She came; and that night at the theatre Buckman shook hands with Macrae as he entered the stage door. Macrae was billed, and it was Macrae everybody more than a student at the feet of Thespis, man. Buckman was delighted, and congratulated himself on having discovered so great a star, especially when at the end of the show the ovation accorded to Macrae was as great as that to the celebrated manager himself. And Macrae's reputation from that night was estab-

""But it was not he who appeared?" I asked

"No! And it was never even known by Buckman himself that the impersonation of Anthony Pumpkin the first week of the run of the play was not Macrae at all, but Mabel, his wife!" The old man laid down his pipe, and drained

the remainder of the whisky, while I, scarcely recovered from the narrative, remained silent

"And you say Macrae eventually took to drink?" I queried at last.

"Alas, yes! In the zenith of his fame, when he had a thousand or two in the bank, his wife died, and he, too, became dead to the world. He never got over the loss of Mabel spent whole days weening over her grave, finally lost ambition, and then his money went. Then came drink, as I've said before. He's alive now, earning a precarious living as scene-shifter at an East-end theatre. A scene-shifter! Macrae, who once made the world laugh till it cried; Macrae, who held thousands enthralled by his maryellous genius-a fallen star, homeless, and My eyes became dim with tears, which I

vainly endeavoured to hide. "Ah! I cried feelingly," what a topsy-turvy

world this is! The poor man has my sincerest sympathy." The old actor rose to his feet and looked at

"Macrae, sir!" he exclaimed, striking his breast with his hand, "Macrae, the fallen star,

The next morning, I was still dwelling upon

the old-time comedian's sad story, and thought | it. dian, I suppose? He was the rage fifteen years of the sovereign I had given him on parting without a pang of regret, when I met Dixon, an actor in the same company as myself. "By the way," I remarked, after we had dis-

cussed various matters, "I met a once celebrated | torn to pieces. actor last night. He's down on his luck." "Common complaint!" replied Dixon, "We're attached to an African hunting party. Wander- the Electric-light. all that some time or other-celebrated or

"Yes," I responded, but fifteen years ago to amuse them. He was only too successful. this man was a star of stars. None other than | The big cubs gambolled fearlessly about him, Dixon's eyes opened wide, and a look of en-lightenment came upon his face. Then he

of Irish?" he queried. Amazed at the apt description. I nodded an I fashion.

he cried, with another laugh. " How much did | tions of delight, and before long their unusual he let you in for?"

When he had taken a sip of whiskey he related in the third person the harrowing story a circle, man and beast-keeping their eyes fixed about the 1st February. chap-pure lies! The fellow's an Irishman, fear, never shifted his gaze. Patrick Ryan by name, and when sufficiently | At length, after what seemed an age, when sober rolls up the rag at the Colosseum. As | the negro was ready to drop from exhaustion, a matter of fact Macrae's been dead ten years | the animal suddenly called her cubs away and

### CRUSOR'S ISLAND.

HOW A SAILOR VISITED IT ALONE.

The blue hills of Juan Fernandez, high among the cloud, could be seen about thirty miles off, says Capt. Joshua Slocum in his account of a trip around the world alone in a small boat, in the Century Magazine. A thousand emotions thrilled me when I saw the island, and I bowed my head to the deck. We may mock the Oriental salaam, but for my part I could find no other way of expressing myself.

The wind being light through the day, the Spray did not reach the island till night. With what wind there was to fill her sails she should close in to share on the north-east side, whele it fell calm, and, remained so all night. I saw the twinkling of a small light further along in a cove, and fired a gun, but got no answer, and

THE LIGHT DISAPPEARED.

altogether. I heard the sea bouning against the cliffs all night, and realized that the ecean swell was still great, although from the deck of ! my little ship it was apparently small. From the cries of animals in the hills, which sounded fainter and fainter through the night, I judged. that a light current was drifting the sloop from the land, though she seemed all night dangerously near the shore, for, the land being very high, appearances were deceptive.

I of course made a pilgrimage to the old lookout place at the top of the mountain, where Selkirk spent many days peering into the distance for the ship which came at last. From a tablet fixed into the face of the rock I copied these words, inscribed in Arabic capitals: "Inmemory of Alexander Selkirl., a mariner, a nawho lived on the Island in complete solitude [ tenant of H. M. S. Wermouth, A.D. 1723, aged lookout by Commodore Powell and officers of H.M.S. Zopare, A.D., 1863. The

CAVE IN WHICH SELKIEK DWELT while on the island is at the head of the bay now called Robinson Crusoe Bay! It is around a hold headland west of the present anchorage and landing. Ships have anchored there, but it affords a very indifferent borth. Both of these anchorages are exposed to north wands. which, however, do not reach home with much violence. The holding ground being good in actor's reading of Authory, a character which | the first named bay to the eastward, the anchorage there may be considered satz, although

### THE WORLD'S TONGUE.

ENGLISH IS INCREASING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

The English language at present contains 50,000 words, many of which have been introluced within the last fifty years. At the beginning of the century it was spoken by 22,000,000 people, and to-day some reagono,000 people are using the English language, showing an increase of 315 per cent.

There are 20,000 words in the German Lepguage, and about 70,000,000 people sheak in that tongue,

Some 68,000,00 people converse in the Russian language, 44,00%,000 in Portuguese. Altogether 660 languages are spoken in the known world to-day, 89 of which are to be heard in Europe, 117 in America, 114 in Africa, and 123 in Asia. Nearly one half the languages have their origin in the islands of the Pache and Indian Oceans.

Germany is the acknowledged-HOME OF LONG WORDS,

thought who went in. The voice at any rate, but the following telegram, accepted for the. was there to perfection, and at the end of the | sum of sixpence, is undoubtedly unique: "Ad-I was a youngster at the time-scarcely first act the house rose and cheered him as one | ministrator-General's conter-revolutionary inter-communications uncircumstantiated. Quarter-master-General's disproportionableness characteristically contradistinguished unconstitutionalist's incomprehensibilities." It contains for First class Passengers, and is fitted through-198 letters.

> The average unlearned Englishman is said to use between three and four thousand words in his vocabulary; the average learned man something under 8,000 words. The great Shakespeare had a vocabulary of 15,000 words.

The letter e is more used than any other in the alphabet, a, i, s, t) and r coming next, while z, q, and x are used least of all. A curious fact is that the letter w occurs more often in the names of great people than any other. It is calculated that it is possible to read from three to four hundred words a minute in a well known

The greatest linguist ever known was an Italian priest who died about the middle of the century. He could speak accurately 114 lan-

### THE POWER OF THE EYE OVER WILD BEASTS.

SOME EXPERIMENTS.

There is an old saying that any man can subdue a wild animal by merely gazing into its eyes. Yet it is a much debated question whether such a thing is possible, and there are some hunters who believe that the human eye has absolutely no power over wild animals.

A South African sportsmen once determined to put the question to the test. Approaching a large ostrich, he gazed fixedly at it, and to his delight the mesmeric glance seemed to meet with immediate success. The bird crouched and flapped its wings nervously. Some hours later, however, the man's body was found with the ostrich alternately sitting and jumping upon

Another believer in the human eye experimented on a wild cat confined in a zoological garden. He afterwards confessed that but for for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamthe wires of the cage his face would have been

A very different story is related of a negro Ing one day from camp, he surprised two hor cubs at play, and thoughtlessly commenced and to his dismay refused to desist when he wished to leave them.

Realising the danger to which he would be exposed should the mother appear, he began to "A tall man, rather thin, blear-eyed and fond | run, but the cubs refused to be shaken off, and in their play they scratched his legs in fearful

"Then you've been sucked in old chap!" themselves was evident from their manifestacries brought a lioness leaping to the spot. "I-I gave him a sovereign," I stammered, Trembling in every timb, the negro faced the growling animal, while the cubs continued to . "Thought you were young and green, I sup- jump up at him, eager for further caresses. -posed-but-you've met-a fraud. Of course he | The enraged linness innved round uneasily in | will be despatched for the above Port on or of Macrae's sudden leap into same, with its steadily on each other. Several times the sensational ending as being himself. Lies, old lioness crouched to spring, but the man, from

### A CUBIOUS CHINESE TRAIT

Mr. John P. Young, managing editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, discusses in the pages of the Forum (New York) "Will Chinese Development Benefit the Western World?" Uniformity and fixity, he says, have been the striking feature of Chinese diess for centuries. The same may be said of their babitations. John Thomson, in his recent book, "Through China with a Camera," noted that their houses "everywhere preserve one uniform low level," the monotonous appearance produced by them being broken only at rare intervals by a tall temple or long pawnshop. The interior of these houses is as uniform as their exterior. Another investigator whose attention was of attracted by this remarkable peculiarity concluded, after diligent inquiry, that the meagre. furnishing and the extreme plainness which marked nearly all the interiors 'he 'saw were due to a national trait, and were not enforced by poverty mor lack of things with which to make the home beautiful. This opinion is borne out by the personal observations of the writer, who has found the houses or apartments of the more prosperous Chinese merchants of San Francisco plain to severity, and has learned from many persons who employ Chinese as domestics that they are, as a rule, indifferent to the appearance, of the room assigned to them to sleep in, and that they nearly all would prefer to herd in "Chinatown," if permitted to do so. This latter trait is significant. When we are told that in a great Chinese city like Canton " most of the workshops are kitchen, diningroom, and bed-room too," and that in these the workmen "breakfast on their benches, and at tive of Largo, in the County of Fife, Scotland, might stretch themselves out on them to sleep," we may readily suppose that the density of populafor four years and four months. He was landed | tion is responsible for this condition of affairs. from the Cinque Parts galley, 96 tons, 18 gans. But throughout California, where the Chinese, A.D. 1704, and was taken off in the Dake, pris in spite of the misleading term "Chinese, cheapvateer, 12th February, 1709. He died Lieu- labour, enjoy better wages than most of the purely labouring class of the Western world, fortyseven. This tablet is erected near Selkick's | the same phenomenon is witnessed. I have seen Chinese, earning over two dollars a day, sleeping in bunks crowded as closely together as those in the steerage of an ocean steamer, Indifference to surroundings, the gregarious instinct, and parsimony seem to furnish the explanation of this tendency. But these traits are not the product of a day; they are the result of an intense struggle for existance extending through thousands of years; they are as much a part of the hational character, and distinguish the Chinese in as pronounced a manner as their visible physical peculiarities,

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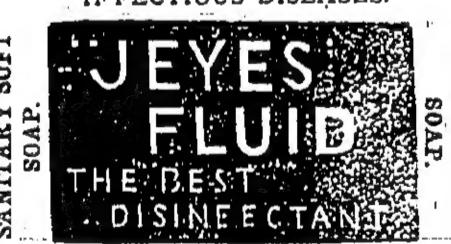
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